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Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

Name: Mrs Catherine Craig

Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

Confidentialiy: Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

Behalf of groups: Yes

Sharing responses / future engagement: Yes

Question 1: Basically I agree that the authorities should be involved and that it should be a duty. Technically they are responsible for education in their area.

Question 2: If there are going to be changes something needs to be organised centrally.

Question 3: I agree that it should be set out in annual statements.

Question 4: I am not sure about this. I think parent forums could become a place wher all the "moans" of perents would be brought up and the children's needs might get overlooked.

Question 5: I think some form of election should be proposed.

Question 6: yes

Question 7: Yes if that is what perents wish.

Question 8: Yes

Question 9: I think there should be some helpful advice provided to parents on how to form a parent forum and its constitution etc.

Question 10: I think it should allow for people being co-opted as they can see the wider picture from the "outside" the parental view.

Parents should always be in the majority

Question 11: No

Question 12: I agree that parent members should not need to be subject to disclosure unless there is direct involvement with the children. I think some parents would be deterred by having to go through the disclosure process.

Question 13: No - I think Headteachers, councillors should have an automatic right to attend after all they are representatives of the authority.

Question 14: I am fairly happy with the functions of the proposed parent forums.

Question 15: I think parents should always have an automatic right to see a member of staff about their child as long as it is organised by an appointment system.

Question 16: I think that should be an authority issue.

Question 17: Yes

Question 18: I think there should be some financial support from the authority for parent forums and not be part of the devolved management of resources. I feel it may go in other direction if it is nt available solely to the parent forums.

Question 19: very much so

Question 20: I think that the process is needing updating and modernising so I agree that the authorities be enabled to do this.

Question 21:  
Question 22: Yes definitely

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